GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on-going and proposed Railway Projects in Rajasthan are being delayed for want of adequate budgetary provisions; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government for their completion in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Railway projects in general and those under New Lines and Gauge Conversion Plan-Heads in particular, including those in Rajasthan, are faced with a shortage of funds.

(b) In order to ensure timely completion of projects, Railways are making efforts to augment the resource base by increasing internal generation of revenue; arranging financial participation of private parties and State Governments in the execution of Railway projects; obtaining additional Budgetary Support, etc.

To ensure judicious allocation of resources to New Line and Gauge Conversion projects, these projects have been prioritised on the basis of their physical progress, operational importance, national and strategic significance and social desirability.